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Hongkong, January 2, 1906.

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Hongkong, January 2, 1906.

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Jongkong, May 31, 1904.

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Hongkong, September 16, 1905.

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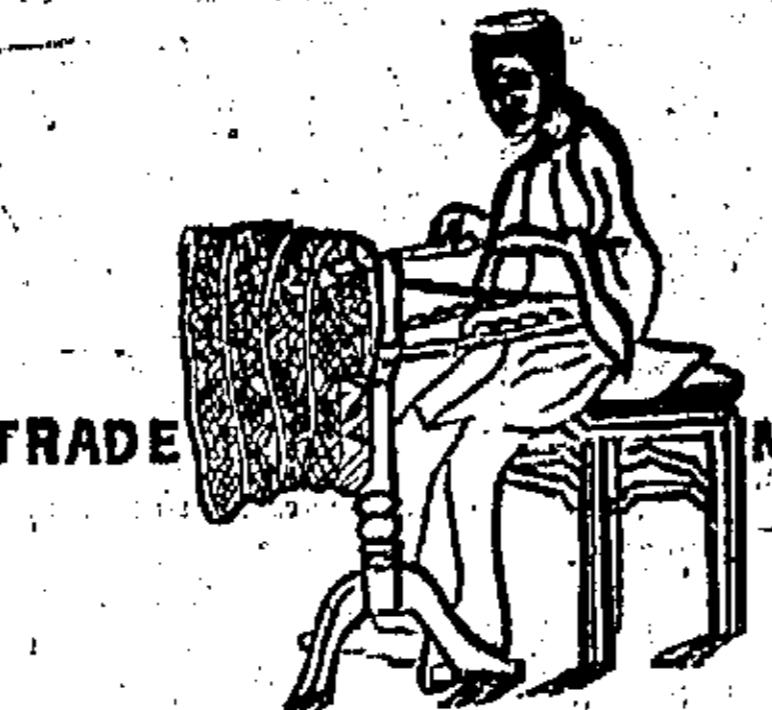
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large supply of Building Materials at very

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Hongkong, March 22, 1905.

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Hongkong, March 23, 1905.

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SHIP AND HOUSE PAINTER,

GILDER, GRIENER, and SCRAPER, GAULKE

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No. 44, DES VIEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, February 20, 1905.

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Hongkong, March 20, 1905.

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THE HONGKONG FROZEN FOOD SUPPLY.

THE DEPOT OPENS at 6 a.m.

The following are in Stock:-

PRIME Australian Beef, Mutton, Lamb,

Pork, DAIRY Farm Fed. Pork & Veal,

Bacon, Best English.....75 cts. per lb

Bacon, Best Australian.....70 cts.

Capons, Dairy Farm Fed., Dressed \$1.05 each

Chickens, do do 75 cts. each

Chicken's Livers.....4 cts. each

Chicken's Gizzards.....4 cts. each

Ducks, Local (dressed).....65 cts. each

Ducks, Wild.....75 cts. each

Australian Smoked Mullet.....50 cts. per lb

do do Schnapper, 50 cts. each

Geese, Local (dressed).....\$1.50 each

Hares, Australian 1st Grade.....\$1.40 each

Ham, Best York.....70 cts. per lb

Ham, Australian, "Pineapple" 65 cts. each

(2cts. extra per lb for Ham if cut)

Honey, Bee's Australian.....60 cts. per lb jar

Kinney's Australian Sheep.....6 cts. each

Oysters, American, large size, \$2.50 per tin

Australian Oysters 2½ oz. bds. \$1.00 per bot

bottles.....5.....\$1.00

Partridges, Local.....75 cts. each

Pigeons, Local.....25 cts. each

Pigeons, Wild, Dressed.....20 cts. each

Rabbits, Australian 1st Grade, 65 cts. each

Rice Birds.....\$1.00 per pound

Sausages, Australian Fritz.....80 cts. per lb

Sausages, Own Make (of Aus-

tralian Meats).....25 cts. per lb

Tongues, Australian Sheep.....20 cts. each

Turkeys, Australian (plucked).....70 cts. per lb

Orders required to be sent in the Early

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Hongkong, December 21, 1905. 1278

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Amusements.

5.30 p.m.—Organ Recital at St. John's Cathedral.

Miscellaneous.

9.30 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.

Goods per *Nippon* undelivered after this date subject to rent.Goods per *Azurion* *Azurion* undelivered after 4 p.m. on this date will be landed.Goods per *Nippon Maru* undelivered after this date will be landed.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, January 6.—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at Messrs Hughes & Hough's Sales Rooms.

MONDAY, January 8.—

3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Property, &c., at Messrs Hughes & Hough's Sales Rooms.

SATURDAY, January 10.—

Goods per *Jidamayo* not cleared on this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, January 12.—

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

MONDAY, January 15.—

3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Property, &c., at Messrs Hughes & Hough's Sales Rooms.

SATURDAY, January 27.—

9.15 p.m.—Concert in St Andrew's Hall.

SPECIAL NOTE.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1906.

IMPERIAL UNIVERSITY FOR HONGKONG.

From the out-ports we receive, almost daily, letters, often written by correspondents with whom we are not personally acquainted, who are kind enough to congratulate us upon our efforts to secure for Hongkong the honour of having in its midst an Imperial University. Even at Saigon the proposal has aroused much interest. But while this is naturally gratifying to us we would particularly like those who disagree with our views as to the practicability or policy of making Hongkong the intellectual centre of the Far East to inform us of any objections we have overlooked. There is a belief in some quarters—we understand, that the project is, while laudable enough in itself, to be classed among the things that "can't be done." Why? As we claim to possess the average amount of common-sense and still fail to find any insuperable obstacles we ask those whose vision is presumably keener to point out to us what is apparently manifest to them, but which is unhappily hidden from us. We have made a public profession of the faith that is in us and have in direct terms asked that, if there are any among our readers who are public-spirited enough to desire to see any proposal for increasing British prestige in the Far East thoroughly threshed out, they should communicate with us. In response we have received numerous letters advising us to continue our campaign relentlessly, and a few which announce the writers' firm conviction that great difficulties intervene. We are genuinely anxious to know what these great difficulties are. If a number of men were interested in a more sordid proposal, say for the establishment of a limited liability company, those who were dubious as to the success of the undertaking would give definite expression to their doubts. These objections would be carefully considered and weighed and if found to be insuperable, the project would be abandoned. But it would not be abandoned prior to that preliminary discussion, because men are not so foolish, when a money-making scheme is put before them, to wave a disdainful hand and dogmatically declare "The thing's impossible." The possibility of profits would deter them from such a senseless performance. Among our readers we are convinced that there is a great majority who recognise that an Imperial investment is worthy of at least as much attention as a personal speculation. While not presuming to teach them their duty we feel compelled to express our belief that men who claim to be leaders of thought, and who may hereafter desire to serve the public in any of the positions which are open to them in this Colony, confess weakness or incapacity when they are either too timid or too inert to discuss important public questions. It may be remarked that Shanghai does not suffer from this timorousness and lassitude. There is an imminent possibility of some great educational institution being established there to attract the students who are returning from Tokio, disatisfied with the rigid regulations, in which they have been swathed by the Japanese authorities. Though of course we should regret to see the University started in Chinese territory instead of British, we would be in a measure satisfied if the Imperial idea were pre-

served. But the secret movement to which we refer is, as our Tokio correspondent points out, being engineered by a power which is not consumed with friendship for the British. It would be infinitely better for us if the future high officials of China were educated in Japan and received a pro-Japanese bias, than that they should be educated at Shanghai and embrace the distinctly anti-British prepossession of another nation. Once again we offer the vehicle of our correspondence column for the conveyance of the views of those who have genuine objections to urge against our proposal.

BY TELEGRAPH.

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THE S.S. 'MEE-FOO.'

TAILSHAFT BROKEN AT SEA.

Temporary Repairs Effectuated.

THE "EMPIRE" DAMAGED.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, January 4.

'The China Merchant's' s.s. "Mee-foo," (1790 tons) when on her way to Hongkong from Shanghai, broke her tailshaft on December 31.

The mishap occurred when the "Mee-foo" was off Patahekok.

Temporary repairs were effected after some delay, and the steamer returned to Shanghai yesterday, under her own steam.

The E. and A. ss. "Empire," in attempting to assist the "Mee-foo," was slightly damaged.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

To-morrow evening at the Sanitary Institute Mr A. H. Ough will lecture on "Sanitary Building Construction," at 9 p.m.

An advertisement elsewhere in this issue requests subscribers to St. George's Bank to send subscriptions to Mr W. C. D. Turner at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

Union Church Literary Club.

Under the auspices of the Union Church Literary Club a concert will take place at the Church to-night commencing at 9 p.m. sharp. The concert will be followed by a trial by jury (Pickwick v. Bardell) adapted from Charles Dickens' "Pickwick Papers." The charge of admission is \$1.

The Shanghai Rioters.

The insincerity of the Chinese officials in the matter of the recent riot is shown in the sentences passed by the Mixed Court magistrates on rioters brought before them. By Chinese law, armed participation in a riot is a capital offence, and sentence is executed summarily. Most of the rioters, many of them notorious rowdies, were sentenced at the Mixed Court mostly to six months' imprisonment. Either the magistrates do not know the law, in which case they should be promptly replaced, or they were anxious to show that rioting in the Anglo-American Settlement is a trivial offence as compared with rioting in a native city. No foreigners would ask for the capital sentence to be carried out on such offenders; but they should have a punishment which would be really a deterrent for the future, says the *N.-O. Daily News*.

The Old Order Changes.

The big steam-roller—Civilisation—is doing its usual levelling work hereabout, writes the Paotung correspondent of a Shanghai paper. The little street corner temples in the city, and some of the same kind outside, have been turned into guard-houses for the police. The idols have been sent back to the earth out of which they were made. The souls of the dead were supposed to go first to these temples and thence to the higher seats of judgment. Hence they came to occupy the vacant corner of the intersecting streets which happens to be just the place now needed for the police station. There are over 400 of these preservers of the peace now in this city. They are also to be found in the larger towns of this part of the province, their presence always marking for good order and the protection of property.

General Tropoff, who was recently retired, appears to have been the Poo-Bah of the Russian Executive. As Governor-General of St. Petersburg he would, when order was threatened, issue special instructions to himself as Chief of Police. If the police were unable to cope with the situation, he would as Chief of Gendarmerie of the Empire call in outside police to their aid; and, if these were insufficient, he would, resort to the post of Governor-General and put the troops in the streets. He would have no fear of being brought to book for any irregularities, since, as Assistant Minister of the Interior, he would be mainly responsible to himself alone.

In addition to the subscription griffins a batch of 17 ponies arrived from Shanghai yesterday by the "Hang Sang." Of these Mr G. H. Potts took six; Mr N. H. Mody nine, and Jardine's stable two. These ponies were specially selected at Shanghai and are reported to have cost a large sum of money.

WHEN one is sick, the greatest care should be taken in the selection of a remedy. The best medicine is none too good, and an endurable should be made to get it. As an invigorator and builder, Stearns' Wine of Cod Liver Oil is the best.

You Take Desperate Chances When You Neglect a Cold

I should be born in mind that every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality and makes the system less able to withstand each succeeding cold, thereby paving the way for more serious diseases. You should take such desperate chances when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cure of colds, can be had for a trifling sum, say by W. Deane & Sons, Ltd., General Agents.

SANITARY BOARD VACANCIES.

Election Day.

We understand that the election to fill the vacancies on the Sanitary Board caused by the retirement of Messrs H. E. Pollock and A. Rumjahn, will take place on Monday, the 22nd instant.

So far no candidates have announced themselves, though we believe Mr A. Shelton Hooper has expressed his willingness to stand.

Several other names have been mentioned as possible candidates, but it is doubtful if the owners of them have the slightest inclination of coming forward.

There does not seem to be any keen desire amongst our leading men to become members of the Sanitary Board. One reason is that it takes up a certain amount of time, and another is that a knowledge of houses and sanitation are essentials for a competent member. Mr Hooper is fortunate enough to possess the requisite knowledge of house construction and drainage, and added to that is his wide understanding of the Public Health Ordinance and its incidence. It is to be hoped no difficulty will be experienced in getting another gentleman with the requisite attainments to accept nomination.

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

First General Meeting.

The first meeting of the recently formed Horticultural Society was held last evening at the City Hall, Sir Francis T. Piggott presiding, and there being a good attendance of members. Sir Francis Piggott announced that seventeen ladies and gentlemen had enrolled as members of the society and at his invitation several others came forward and registered their names. He said that an impression had got abroad that the subscription to the society was \$25 per annum, which was incorrect, as it was but \$5, and they hoped that everyone interested in gardening would send in their names.

President Loup, concurring in these remarks, said that he drew the most favourable conclusions from the pacific dispositions of the world.

THE CHINESE ARMY.

The Times on Reorganisation.

The Times, discussing in two exhaustive articles by its military correspondent, Yuan Shih Kai's army, which is warmly praised for its excellency in training and discipline, describes a scheme for increasing the army to 432,000 men, and remarks that this would relieve the powers of all further anxiety for the integrity and independence of the Chinese Empire.

THE ANTI-TEA DUTY LEAGUE.

The anti-tea duty league is already conducting a lavish non-partisan election campaign by means of posters, and has now issued a strongly argued general appeal.

THE ELECTIONS AT HOME.

The Times calculates that the Liberals must win 76 seats in order to defeat the Unionists unaided, or 117 to confront a possible Unionist and Nationalist combination.

No fewer than 133 members of the House of Commons are not seeking re-election.

THE FORTHCOMING RACES.

Ponies in Training.

Training for the forthcoming race meeting is expected to commence in earnest next week. The work that has been done up to the present has only been of a character calculated to knock the griffins into shape, and had good results. As but a few weeks now remain before the annual racing carnival takes place it is time to settle down to steady work, and the race course should soon present a lively appearance in the early mornings. In all 52 subscription griffins have arrived and been drawn for, and they include some likely looking animals.

His Excellency the Governor and Mr H. Mody have secured four each, and Mr G. H. Potts three, while nine other subscribers have secured two ponies each and the remainder one.

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Everybody Uses Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1906.

THE CHINA MAIL.

A BROKEN CABLE.

The Case Against the "Rubi".

In the Summary Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, this morning, before His Honour Mr A. G. Wise, Puisne Judge, the case in which the China and Japan Electric and Telephone Company sued the China Manila Steamship Company, Limited, for \$1,000, was continued.

Mr E. H. Sharp, K. C., (instructed by Mr H. G. O. Bailey, of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master) appeared for the plaintiff, while defendants were represented by Mr H. E. Pollock, K. C., (instructed by Mr F. B. Deacon, of Messrs Deacon, Looker and Deacon).

Captain Morrison, of the s.s. "Powan," was called. In response to a query with respect to anchoring in a squall he said—
"Why, if I anchored everytime a squall struck the "Powan" I would be always at anchor (laughing)."

Mr Pollock pressed the question and witness replied that it depended on circumstances entirely. If all was clear before the squall he would continue full speed ahead; if there were any obstructions he would anchor. "Why, goodness me," he concluded, "If I didn't go full speed ahead when would the "Powan" get here?"

Captain Morrison said he had steamed with the "Powan" under one boiler, but only from an anchorage to the wharf. They were in no hurry and just "jogged along, the propeller going round" (laughing).

Witness thought it a blinding squall had struck his ship because if North Point he would not have anchored, but would have turned and run to Stonecutters' He entered the harbour on August 30th, Capricorn, and it took him about an hour to reach the wharf; it usually took forty minutes. Afterwards he steamed across to Yatman.

Mr Pollock—Was the "Powan" light?

Captain Morrison—She was empty. I had landed my cargo, which was only fish and passengers.

In reply the Puisne Judge witness thought it absurd to take the "Rubi" across to Manila under one boiler, that was, unless the passengers didn't mind going at about two or three knots an hour.

The plaintiff's case having closed Mr Pollock submitted that the plaintiffs had failed to prove negligence. There was no doubt that the "Rubi's" anchor was dropped about 12.30 on the morning of August 30 and it was alleged that in raising the cable was broken. Assuming that the "Rubi" did damage the cable he submitted that the mere fact of her dropping the anchor was not negligence.

Damages done by a ship, or a horse running away, or any thing moving did not necessarily entitle the plaintiff to recover. Mr Pollock referred to the plaintiff putting forward theories of what should have been done before the accident; that the "Rubi" should have gone to Stonecutters' Island, etc., and he mentioned the remarks of a judge made in an action concerning a runaway horse. "Of course, if you go back and back, you will find that if the horse had not left the mews in the morning the accident would not have happened."

The Puisne Judge interrupted. Yes, but the horse went off on its own account; the "Rubi" did not.

Mr Pollock continued his argument at some length, finally submitting that there was no case to go before the jury.

The Puisne Judge said that in his opinion there were some grounds for assuming negligence, and said he would like to hear the defendant's case.

Mr Pollock said his case was that they were not negligent in anchoring where they did. The "Rubi's" object was to get to a safe anchorage in Kowloon Bay. There was no necessity for her to take risks; the Hong Kong shore being on the lee, and other vessels being astern. He thought it was not a negligent manoeuvre on the part of the Captain to drop his anchor. A rather curious suggestion was made by a very positive witness, Mr Webb, to the effect that a ship like the "Rubi" with one boiler out of two working must be treated as a disabled or partially disabled vessel.

That was most remarkable evidence indeed and Mr Pollock thought he would be able to call evidence that the "Rubi" herself had been brought from Manila with only one boiler, and the "Perla" had travelled both ways under one boiler, yet it was suggested that a ship using only one boiler must be treated as partially disabled. Of course, a ship with only one boiler could not go as fast, but he thought he would be able to show that with smooth water the difference in speed would not be great, a drop of perhaps from 12½ knots to 10 knots.

Mr Pollock said he would show that Mr Webb's argument that with only one boiler a ship like the "Rubi" could only go half-speed was absurd.

The "Rubi" made an average speed of nine knots across from Manila and the "Perla" (the ordinary speed being 10½) only dropped a knot or two. It was absolutely absurd to say that with one boiler you could only get half speed. It must also be remembered that as the plaintiff's counsel had put it, the "Rubi" was not a typhoon, and the full force of the wind was after the "Rubi" had lifted her anchor. The wind alone would not have prevented the "Rubi" from getting to Kowloon Bay, but the dense blinding squall which struck the ship rendered it impossible for the Captain to anchor in the interests of the ship. The plaintiff's asked that their cable should be considered of more importance than the ship and those on board. The dropping of the anchor was not negligent; it was a preventative measure.

The Captain of the "Rubi" was in the box most of the afternoon. He deplored the dense cloud which struck his vessel and which he did not see coming until it was upon him. Witness was certain that he was outside the cable reserve, and he had been so near the first, and he was also certain that his anchors did not drag, as the vessel was steering all the time. A letter from witness to the Eastern Extension and Australasia Telegraph Company reporting the damage to the cable was admitted, in which it was stated the bearings given therein were not to be relied upon.

W. G. Lawton, Chief Officer of the "Rubi" in August last, said the rain squall was so severe that he had to turn his back to it. He could not see ten feet ahead owing to its density, and considered it prudent to anchor where the "Rubi" did. Had they stood on they might have gone ashore or drifted on to another ship astern. Witness was in the "Rubi" when she went from Hong Kong to Manila last year under one boiler and the speed maintained was 9 or 10 knots; it was nonsense to say that the anchors of the two boats reduced the

FANCY DRESS BALL.

Brilliant Scene at Government House.

There was a brilliant assembly at Government House last evening, the occasion being a fancy dress ball given by His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan, Governor of Hong Kong. The grounds surrounding it, were very tastefully decorated, and served to set off the numerous costly costumes worn by His Excellency's guests. The music which was excellent was supplied by the West Kent Band. Visitors began to arrive about 9 o'clock, and when dancing commenced half an hour later the ball room was well filled by ladies and gentlemen wearing a greater variety of bright and graceful costumes than has probably been seen in any ball room in the Colony for some years past.

The procession into the ball room, at the signal for the first set of lancers, was a particularly picturesque sight, gentlemen of the 17th and 18th centuries escorting stately ladies of the early Victorian and other periods on their arms, brilliant military and naval costumes of different days and countries were everywhere in evidence, and powdered heads and wigs were often to be seen. Then mixed with the stream of dignified dresses were many of more fantastic design; a wifch, a flower girl, three Royal Beet Fates, a Bodice Amb, a Graecian lady, a 17th century dancer, and others in all varieties of costumes paraded.

The first dance was the "Picture Lancers," which provided an exceptional opportunity of displaying the beauty of the costumes as the dancers went through the figures gracefully and slowly in old-world fashion. His Excellency the Governor did not dance, the official sets being led by Mrs Hatton, Mrs Kent, and Mrs Goshorn Stewart, and respective partners.

The programme included fourteen dances as follows:—1, Picture Lancers, "Haddon Hall"; 2, "Vale," "Eldorado"; 3, "Vale, Midsummer"; 4, Two Step, "Anona"; 5, "Vale," "España"; 6, Lancers, "The Gondoliers"; 7, "Vale," "Mrs Carr"; 8, Two Step, "Mosquito's Parade"; 9, "Vale, 'Cassanova'; 10, Lancers, H.M.S. "Phoenix"; 11, "Vale," "Santiago"; 12, "Vale, Love at the Door"; 13, Two Step, "Hiawatha"; 14, "Vale," "The Choristers."

To describe the whole of the costumes borders on the impossible. The majority were those of ladies of the period of 100 to 150 years ago, but others covered a much wider field. The military costumes were confined almost entirely to those of Nelson's day.

His Excellency the Governor appeared in plain court dress wearing the star of St. Michael and St. George, and Admiral Noel was similarly attired wearing the decorations of the Order of the Bath. Sir Michael and St. George, and the Rising Sun. Sir Francis T. Piggott and Sir Henry Berkeley were quietly costumed as gentlemen of uncertain age and of uncertain period.

Mrs Hatton, Lady Horizons Buxton, Mrs Ross, Mrs Charlton, Miss Noel, Mrs Peter and Mrs Stephenson were costumed as ladies of the period of Louis XV. Mrs Lay as the Empress Josephine, looked extremely well, did Lady Noel, who was costumed as a "Picture of the 17th century." Mrs Painter's representation of a witch was greatly admired, as was that of Mrs Bell, a card. Mrs Gray Scott made an excellent choice in selecting the costume of a lady of the early Victorian period, and Miss Blair looked charming as a flower girl. Mr W. Armstrong made an ideal Indian Prince, and showed his elaborate costume off to the greatest advantage. Consul and Mrs Noma wore in Japanese court dress, and the Russian Consul and his wife were attired in the costume of the Russian Court. Consul Volpicelli made an ideal Bedouin Arab, while the Hon. Dr. Francis Clark, Mr. A. Forbes, and Mr. F. White were three Royal Beet Fates. Mrs Clark appeared as Madame Santa Gona, and the Hon. Mrs Goshorn Stewart as Conte de Gramont. The Hon. Mrs Chatham was attired as a Greek soldier, and Mrs Chatham as a French lady of the last century. Mr. H. E. Pollock, as the King of Hearts, made a conspicuous figure, as also did Lt Col. Lloyd Thomas in a Japanese costume. Mr. G. D. Thomson appeared as Robin Adair, Mr. A. Seft, in Highland dress, Mrs Seft an Armenian Lady, Miss Loureiro, the Royal Portuguese Queen, Miss Loureiro, a peasant; Mr. T. Hough, Master of the Hunt; Mrs Forbes, Foley; Mrs Jupp, Friedland; Mrs. Gudge, a college costume; Mrs. Tucker an Italian lady; Mr. Tucker might have been mistaken for a brigand, but turned out to be a Morris dancer of the 17th century, his costume being one of the best in the room, and was the subject of much congratulation. Those present were:—

Capt. W. Armstrong, (Hon. A.D.C.), Lt. Col. and Mrs Aitken.

Sir Harry and Lady Berkely, Capt. Mrs and Miss Barnes-Lawrence, Capt. and Mrs. Badley, Miss H. Blair, Dr. and Mrs. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Bird, Consul and Madame de Bolegowsky, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Bolles, Lieut. and Lady Horizons Buxton, Miss Barrow, Miss Balch, Mrs. Beaton.

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Lady F. Doyle, Lt. and Mrs. Duncan, Lieut. Com. Darwall, Mr. W. J. Daniel, Mr. F. B. Deacon, Colonel Darling, the officers Royal Engineers, Mrs. Dickson, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, Lieut. Col. Fitton, Mr. Frey Vogel, Mr. and Mrs. Fuchs.

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Mr. and Mrs. Basil Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Volpicelli, Mr. Vernon, Capt. and Mrs. Verker, Mr. and Mrs. Vonder Hyde, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Wise, Major and Mrs. Watkins, Mr. P. P. Wedderburn, Mr. Woodward, Mrs. and Miss Wakefield,

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CORRESPONDENCE.

CHINESE LABOUR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

(To Editor of the "CHINA MAIL")

Sir,—The New Year's greeting which Misleading Liberal so courteously tendered me in your issue of yesterday are gratefully received. They are more than reciprocated—I hope that his enjoyment of these pleasureable anniversaries will extend until he finds wisdom—regardless of Methuselah's wrath at losing the record for longevity. Sometime last year I criticised some special, ignoble Radical misconceptions which your correspondent shod into your columns. This divested mortal outfit made such a shocking spectacle that as I feel it my bounden duty to safeguard the interests of those less versed in public affairs than myself—that is to say the rest of the community—I had to call attention to it as an offence. Your weird correspondent seems to have carefully studied my salutary letter, and now—after a lengthy and possibly painful process of incubation—he hews large chunks of strange and turgid eloquence at my hapless head. "I am compelled to felicitate Philosopher," on the profusion of his metaphors, always appreciative in literature, forgetting for the moment that they appear to have been slightly mixed." That, Mr. Editor, is the first portion of the literary castigation under which I whimper. Can you wonder that my pen now limps slowly across the page? Let us examine this Johnsonian sentence. Is it "I," "Philosopher" or "profusion of . . . metaphors," that is always appreciated in literature?" And which of the three does the "forgetting for a moment" The lucidity and crystalline clearness of your correspondent's style eminently qualifies him to sit in judgment upon my "mixed" metaphors. But are they mixed? Exception is taken to my "cow-eyed" animal "browsing on fodder" and being "long-eared." Taking it that Misleading Liberal is as fond of our national emblem as the rest of his species does he not browse upon it and does he not regard it as ladder—i.e., food (elementary meaning)? Would "M. L's" tender and cultured literary susceptibilities be shocked if he read of a lynx-eyed, lion-hearted King, who ruled his people with an iron hand? Would he regard this as "thorough-going evolution," or merely as allowable picturesqueness of description? Your correspondent, while claiming the right to criticise others for making assumptions, grows restive when the accuracy of his own are questioned and rushing into your peaceful columns he makes the shuddering air hideous with his indignant bray. Is it an oversight that the trifling "assumption" in regard to the incendiary quality of the engine and guns, and also to know each other. When a ship is brought forward for commission, or one already in service returns for re-commission to naval masters which well repay personnel. To the following extract from a copy which has just come to hand:—"As regards the instant readiness of the fleet for war" the plan of keeping ships in commission in reserve has obvious advantages. 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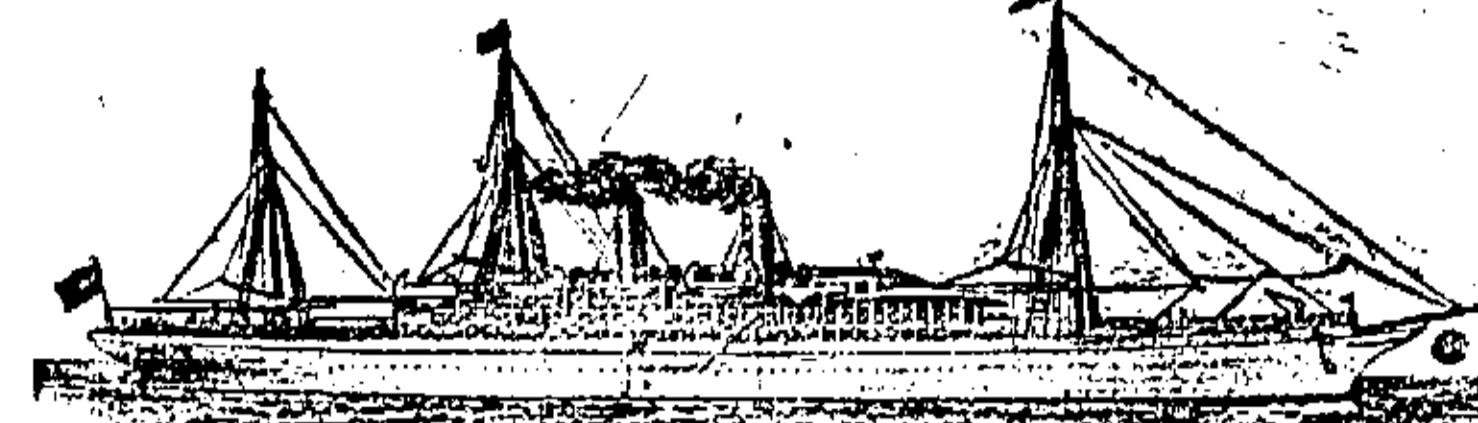
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GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	NINGCHOW	24th "	
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	ACHILLES	30th "	
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	PELEUS	6th February.	
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	ALCINOUS	13th "	

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FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	DATE
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	INDOMARU	16th January.	
* GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	PAN LINO	20th "	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	STENTOR	30th "	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	SAINTE BEDE	13th February.	
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SAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"		

WESTWARD.

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OCEANA ... 7000	April 7	MAMBORA ... 10000	May 5	May 11
ARCADIA ... 7000	April 21	VICTORIA ... 7000	Sunday, May 20	Saturday, May 29
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FOR NEW YORK,
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THE Steamship HUDSON.

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The above steamer will be despatched hence, as above, on or about January 15th, 1905.

For Freight or other information, apply to

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Hongkong, December 20, 1905.

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Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES:
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.THE Steamship *Arratoon* appears having
arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods
will be delivered from alongside.Cargo, impeding the discharge will be
landed at once at Consignees' risk and
expense. Cargo remaining on board after
4 P.M. of the 5th Inst., 1905, will be landed
at Consignees' risk and expense into the
hazardous and/or extra hazardous
Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY,
LIMITED.Consignees of cargo from SINGAPORE and
PEKING are requested to take immediate
delivery of their Goods from alongside;
such cargo impeding the discharge of the
vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.No Fire Insurance will be effected by us
in respect of Lading will be countersigned by
the undersigned.DAVID SASDON, & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 3, 1905. 26

INDRA LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES:

FROM NEW YORK, &c.

THE Company's Steamship *Indramaya*,
having arrived from the above ports,
Consignees of cargo are hereby informed
that their Goods are being landed and placed
at their risk in the HONGKONG and KOWLOON
Wharf and Godown Company at Kowloon,
where each consignment will be sorted
out mark by mark, and delivery can
be obtained as soon as the Goods are
landed.Goods not cleared by the 10th Inst. at
4 p.m. will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us
in any case whatever.All damaged packages must be left in the
Godowns, and a certificate of the damage
obtained from the Godown Company within
ten days after the vessel's arrival here,
after which no claims will be recognized.Optional goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before
NOON, TO-DAY.JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
Agents.

Hongkong, January 3, 1905. 28

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES:

FROM MIDDLEBROOK, LONDON AND
STRATFORD.

THE Steamship MONMOUTHSHIRE.

Captain G. E. WARREN, having arrived
from the above ports, Consignees of
cargo are hereby informed that their
Goods are being landed at their risk
into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND
KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LTD.,
at KOWLOON and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd
January, will be subject to rent.All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on the 3rd January, at
2.30 p.m.No Fire Insurance has been effected.
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ARRIVALS.

January 3.
Taian, British str., 2,300, L. Dawson, Melbourne Dec. 2, and Manila January 1, General and Frozen—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

Fernandez Hermos, American steamer, 482, Manila December 30, General—Ginn, Livingstone & Co.

Fusang, British steamer, 1,410, F. Wheeler, Sourabaya December 25, Sugar—JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.

Monatrock, U.S. monitor, from Canton, January 4.

Haiyun, British str., 636, A. J. Robson, Swatow Jan. 3, General—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.

Daiji Maru, Japanese steamer, 857, S. Tagami, Tamsui, via Amoy and Swatow December 31, General—O. S. K.

Tenmachiwa, British steamer, 1,560, Jas. Williamson, Saigon Dec. 20, Coal and General—CHINESE.

Antio, German str., 822, T. Iversen, Haiphong Dec. 31, and Hoihon January 2, Rice and General—JESSEN & CO.

Loropuon, German steamer, 1,245, F. Kalkofen, Shanghai December 31, General—SIESENSEN & CO.

Helene, German steamer, 771, J. JESSEN, Swatow Jan. 3, General—JESSEN & CO.

Nippori Maru, Japanese str., 3,072, W. W. Greene, San Francisco, via Yokohama Dec. 27, and Shanghai January 2, Mails and General—TORO KISEN KAISHA.

Changchow, British str., from Canton, Shansi, British str., from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

January 4.
Roon, for Shanghai.
Patroclus, for Shanghai.

Holstein, for Haiphong.
Hochland, for Hoihon.

Hunksing, for Canton.

Cranley, for Chingtao.

Chihli, for Nagasaki.

Ronson, for Saigon.

Kempot, for Macao.

Anping Maru, for Swatow.

Indramayu, for Shanghai.

CLEARING.

Helene, for Hoihon.

Aurora, for Swatow.

Hunksing, for Shanghai.

Loonmoen, for Canton.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Taian, from Sydney, &c., Miss L. Elliott, Messrs. F. A. Lang, J. Briggs, A. E. Goldstein, E. A. Pugh, McCracken, R. Lightbody, H. Turton, N. Smith, J. Calder, Duckier, Thompson, Ripley, and 69 Chinese.

Per Haiyun, from Swatow, Major Dumball, Lieut. Nugent, Mr. A. G. Wood, Mr. Farrow, and 284 Chinese.

Per Daiti Maru, from Tamaki, &c., Messrs. J. Fitzgerald, S. Filmer, and H. Murakami.

Per Nippori Maru, from San Francisco, &c., Messrs. H. L. Bogert, T. L. Bogert, and Masson.

Per Loonmoen, from Shanghai, Messrs. Alexander, Gringle, Watson, and Rainey.

DEPARTED.

Per Prinz Eitel Friedrich, for Hamburg, &c., Mrs. Geo. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Bob, Bertog and child, Mrs. Bosson, Mr. and Mrs. J. van Brakel, Mrs. de Calonne, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McCloud, Messrs. A. Ahmed, K. Bayley, S. Barrymore, H. A. Beeken, W. Bohre, H. Benja, in, P. J. Billingham, B. Biedermann, Brunsgeest, Martin Buck, J. Burnsde, G. Butler, C. Collin, Th. Craven, Emil Danenberg, D. and Mrs. Dapper, Mr. D. Dampster, M. and Mrs. Th. Derlien, Miss Desvaux, Mr. Dimitrov, Mr. and Mrs. McDowell, 2 Misses Early, Mr. and Mrs. A. Eddy, Mrs. Fisher, Mr. H. Folkes, Dr. D. Freyberg, Messrs. V. Fenin, P. Goddard, Dr. Grabsky, Mr. H. Guid, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hansen, Messrs. Knud Hansen, von Harlow, Mr. and Mrs. L. Heitmann, Mr. H. Heinrich, Consul Dr. and Mrs. von der Heyde, M. G. Hill, Messrs. K. Hirose, Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hooy, Mr. Hovens, Mrs. Metz Hubchle, Messrs. Hughes, B. Inmanik, K. Iwamoto, K. Kawai, O. W. Kegler, F. Kilian, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. King, Miss von Klompm, Mr. Kohn, Capt. N. Kolodetzki, Messrs. Komatsu, Kort Kruger, T. Kuze, C. Landgraf, Lieut. Kupfer, 1909, and Mrs. D. M. Lane and child, Messrs. Hans Larson, P. Lobaudy, B. Low Martin, S. Matsunaga, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Maxey, Mr. and Mrs. Merz, Mr. Messel, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. de Mayor and child, Miss J. McMullan, Mrs. Moody, M. Montagu, Mrs. E. Muller, S. Munro, and child, Messrs. E. Muller, S. Munro, Dr. and Mrs. Orford and child, Mrs. J. Oborn, Dr. Orton, Mrs. K. Orr, Mr. Otto, Mr. Otto, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Parsons, Mrs. Paton, Mr. Joe, Pease, Mrs. Peteron, and child, Messrs. H. E. Purdon, H. Relate, Capt. F. Rotte, Messrs. J. Roxburgh, Ritterhausen, Mrs. E. Rowlands, Mrs. W. K. Rossington, E. C. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. E. Samson, Mr. V. Sanden, Mr. and Mrs. Schmid, General Major, and Mrs. Sals Schwab, Miss Schwab, Messrs. A. Scott, V. del Solar, von Saldern, Mrs. O. Shervon, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman, Consul C. Skypal, Mr. M. F. J. Smith, Mrs. J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Snell, Mr. and Mrs. G. Stalmann, Mrs. Stern, Mr. G. J. Synott, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tobias, Miss M. E. Marles, Thomas, Messrs. O. F. Traunn, F. Trottman, Troubekoy, T. Tschilkin, Mrs. Turgeman, Mr. and Mrs. Varigad, and child, Dr. Vossink, Mr. and Mrs. Whealey and child, Messrs. V. Viotto, O. Wedemeyer, Count Holck-Wintersfeld, Mrs. S. Yoshida, Mrs. Yokohama, Messrs. M. Wolf, Woronovitch, and N. Y. Yen.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Taian reports: Fine weather throughout to Manila; heavy monsoon and sea crossing China Sea.

EXCHANGE.

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On London—
Bank Wirs. 2/08
On demand, 2/08
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" 4 months' sight, 2/1

Credit, 4 months' 2/1
Documentation, 4 months' sight, 2/1

On Paris—
On demand, 268
Credit, 4 months' 262

On Berlin—
On demand, 210

On New York—
On demand, 50

Credit, 60 days' sight, 50

On Bombay—
Wirs. 182

On demand, 183

On Calcutta—
Wirs. 162

On demand, 162

On Singapore—
On demand, 94/1

On Manila—
On demand, 100

On Shanghai—
On demand, 50

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